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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Gupta, et al.Serial No.: 09/847,667Examiner: James MitchellFiling Date: 5/1/2001Group Art Unit: 2827Title: Method for Bonding Wafers to Produce Stacked Integrated Circuits

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SBI/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000)*, 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFE 1.114☐ Previously submitted:☐ Consider the amendment(s) /reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____☐ Other _____☒ Enclosed:☒ Amendment/Reply☐ Affidavit(s) /Declarations (s)☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)☐ Other _____Miscellaneous☐ Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.117(i)) \$130.00☐ Other _____

CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL
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(X) RCE filing fee \$395.00 (small entity)

- (X) A Petition for Extension of Time
(X) one month - (X) Fee \$55
☐ two months
☐ three months
☐ four months

Please charge to Deposit Account 23-0424 the sum of \$450 At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 23-0424 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

(X) A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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